
California Emergency Function-10

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the Lead Agency for the EF-10 Plan?

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) serves as the lead agency for coordinating oil and hazardous materials response actions. The Cal/EPA will facilitate the development, maintenance and implementation of EF-10 with assistance from several other primary and supporting state, local, federal and tribal agencies.

What other Agencies will participate in the response and recovery of oil or hazardous materials spill from a disaster or large scale incident?

To assist the Lead Agency are several Primary and additional Supporting Agencies. Among them can be found the Air Resources Board (ARB), Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). Anyone of these Agencies, or several others that are not listed here, maybe called upon if the situation requires their resources and expertise.

When would a Multi Agency Coordination Group be formed?

A MAC-G will normally be activated when the character, intensity and technical needs of the emergency situation significantly impacts or involves other agencies. Example scenarios where the formation of a MAC-G would be required include: large earthquakes causing wide spread destruction, Industrial or petrochemical facility Incidents, Oil Spills, Radiological Incidents, Urban or wildland fires and Floods.

How will the EF-10 plan be activated if an emergency occurs?

The EF-10 will activate once it has been determined that emergency incidents will severely impact or involve multiple agencies, wide geographic area, multiple population centers or multiple human and environmental targets. For example an incident such as a major heat wave, large scale wildfire, major rail or transit catastrophe or localized flooding could require increased resources to address hazardous materials and oil. Once EF-10 is activated, the appropriate primary and supporting agencies will be notified by the lead agency.

At what point will the EF-10 Plan become deactivated?

The demobilization of personnel and equipment will occur once the situation has stabilized, and can be coordinated and addressed by the local or regional authorities. Demobilization activities can also proceed once recovery efforts can be handled at an appropriate level within an agencies normal authorities and workload.